



JANUARY 28th



On this day in...

2021: A powerful winter storm and atmospheric river brought heavy rain and snow on this day and on 1/29. 4-10 inches fell across San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties, 2-6 inches fell in Ventura County and 1-4 inches fell in Los Angeles County. 1.5 inches of rain fell across Santiago Canyon. 1-2 feet of snow was reported in the mountains of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, as were wind gusts reaching 80 mph. Many areas flooded, including Santiago Canyon where mud and debris flows covered roads and damaged homes. A vehicle got stuck in floodwaters in Perris, prompting a water rescue. 8 people were trapped in a flooding storm drain between Otay Mesa and San Ysidro. 7 were helped to safety, but one perished.

2002: Light snow was reported in the southern Inland Empire during a storm that started on this day and ended on 1/29.

1983: A series of storms produced surf up to 16 feet from 1/22 to 1/29. Several piers collapsed. Damage was done to numerous businesses and homes. Several injuries occurred as people were swept off rocks.

1979: It was -18° in Big Bear Lake, the second lowest temperature on record.



Frosty trees on Volcan Mountain greeted the morning sun on this day in 2013.

1969: Heavy rains of tropical origin that began on 1/18 ended on this day. As much as 50 inches of rain fell at 7,700 feet. 31 inches of rain fell on the south slopes of Mt. San Geronio, 15.5 inches at San Jacinto Peak, around ten inches at Banning, less than one inch from Indio southeast. 91 were reported dead from flooding and mud slides all over California and state wide damages exceeded \$1 billion dollars. As one of his first acts as president Richard Nixon declared 40 California counties federal disaster areas and approved \$108 million in disaster aid. Scores died in traffic



Satellite image of one of the storms that lashed Southern California from 18 to 28 January 1969.

accidents. Hundreds of homes and buildings were destroyed in slides, including 14 destroyed and 11 damaged homes in Mt. Baldy Village. 50 homes near Forest Home (Forest Falls) were damaged by flooding. Highways and railroads washed out. Power outages occurred. Cucamonga Creek itself caused \$10 million in damage. The Mojave River took out numerous bridges and flooded farmlands in the upper desert. Strong storm winds felled trees which killed four and caused power outages. As one of his first acts as President, California native Richard Nixon declared 40 California counties federal disaster areas and approved \$108 million in disaster aid.

1916: Heavy rain that began on 1/25 and ended on 1/30 exacerbated the flooding earlier in the month. 4.13 inches of rain fell in Escondido, the greatest daily amount on record for January and the third greatest daily amount on record. Monthly rainfall totals for January 1916 ranged from 7.56 inches at



Bridges destroyed along the San Diego River at Old Town in January 1916.

San Diego to 57.91 inches at Dorman's Ranch (in the San Bernardino Mountains, 2,500 feet elev.). Five inches fell in less than 12 hours in San Diego. Extensive flooding occurred all over Southern California, the worst to date and it resulted in 28 total deaths in the region, 22 in San Diego County. **This is the most destructive and deadly weather event in San Diego County History.** The Lower Otay Dam broke sending a 40-foot wall of water downstream, killing 15. A few others drowned in Mission Valley and in the San Luis Rey River. The Sweetwater Dam also broke. Every large bridge in San Diego County but one was seriously damaged or destroyed. Four drowned in Orange County, two in a cottage floating down the Santa Ana River. Two drowned in San Bernardino County. Total damage was nearly \$8 million (1916 dollars).